

# The Dorchester Avenue Project's YOUTH SUMMIT 2005

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Over 50 youth and a handful of youth organizations from the Dorchester Avenue community descended upon the Dorchester Multi-Service center on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> to attend the Dorchester Avenue Project's Youth Summit 2005. The event ran from 9:30am to 1pm with music, food, and prizes. The Youth Summit served as a resource for the Mayor's Dorchester Avenue Project to garner youth participation and perspective toward the multi-year Dorchester Avenue Project initiative. The youth were broken up into three groups to explain and discuss the strengths and weaknesses of Dorchester Avenue. The main topics the groups focused on were transportation, neighborhood businesses/jobs, youth activities, and streetscapes/quality-of-life. For an hour and a half, the three groups rotated between different sections of the Avenue, with the groups being facilitated by members of the Dorchester Youth Council and the Daniel Mar Boys and Girls Club. After the groups discussed the strengths and weaknesses, a member of each group summarized their findings. Over the course of the Youth Summit, raffles were given away containing sponsors from Dorchester Avenue area businesses. Another reason for creating the Youth Summit was the Mayor reserved two positions on the newly elected Dorchester Avenue Task Force for youth of the Dorchester Avenue area. The Youth Summit provided a venue for the youth to nominate themselves or their peers to represent them on the Task Force. The hope is for the two selected youth members to start serving on the Task Force by the New Year.

## **Participating Youth Organizations**

Social Capital Inc. of Dorchester  
Dorchester Youth Academy  
Daniel Marr Boys and Girls Club  
TX Voice  
Vietnamese American Civic Association  
DotArt

## **Sponsors**

Coleen's Flower Shop  
Skin Boutique  
IceCreamSmith  
McDonald's  
Subway  
Smash Entertainment  
Burger King  
Boston Bowl  
Hi Fi Pizza  
Charlies' Place

## **Participating City Agencies and Programs**

Boston Redevelopment Authority  
DND Main Streets Program  
Fields Corner Main Streets  
St. Marks Area Main Streets

